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ORAL QUESTION (O-27/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr SCHWENCKE

on behalf of the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education,
Information and Sport

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: European Foundation

Having regard to the intergovernmental agreement
establishing a European Foundation signed on 29 March 1982,

Having regard to the agreement signed the same day setting
up a Preparatory Committee,

Having regard to the resolution adopted by the European
Parliament on 17 June 1982 (Doc. 1-216/82) which in
particular:

- regretted that the European Foundation was based on
intergovernmental rather than Community cooperation,
- expressed reservations about the objectives, structures
and methods of the Foundation,
- protested about the lack of any European Parliament
control over the activities of the Foundation, even
though it is partly financed by the Community budget,
- requested that the European Parliament be consulted on the
appointment of those Members of the Council of the Foundation
whose appointment is the responsibility of the Commission
of the European Communities;

PE 84.231/fin. -/.

1. Can the Council say how many States have already ratified the agreement signed on 29 March 1982 and whether those States which have not yet done so intend to in the near future?
2. With regard to the Preparatory Committee, can the Council give an assurance that the coordinator provided for in the annex to the agreement will be appointed soon?
3. Does the Council, as Parliament has requested, intend to consult it before appointing this coordinator and, subsequently before appointing those members of the Council of the Foundation who are to represent the European Communities?
4. Asks
 - (a) Why the Preparatory Committee has not yet submitted proposals for a work programme on which Parliament could deliver an opinion?
 - (b) Can the Council tell Parliament how the funds included in the 1983 budget have been allocated?
 - (c) Can the Council say what financial resources the European Foundation may have at its disposal in 1984, and how they are divided between Community contributions, contributions from Member States, donations and other resources?
 - (d) Is the Council in favour of regular meetings between the Foundation and the Committee on Culture, to guarantee that the European Parliament will be kept informed about the activities of the Foundation?
 - (e) Is the Council willing, as was mentioned in the discussions prior to the signature of the agreement, to enter into talks with the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to the signing of an additional agreement institutionalizing relations between these two Community institutions and the European Foundation?